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Liber Z pyrates & robbers to take the said vessells; and did discharge divers peices charged with bulletts & shott against the said Thomas Cornwaleys & his company; wherevoon & after such assault made the said Thomas Cornwaleys and his company in defence of themselves & safegard of their lives not being able to flie further from them after warning given to the assailants to desist from assaulting them at their owne perill, did discharge some gunnes vpon the said Ratcliffe warren and his company; of web shotts the said Ratcliff warren John Bellson, and william dawson died; and so they find that the said Tho: Cornwaleys & his company did lawfully & in their owne necessary defence kill the said Ratcliff warren John Bellson and william dawson; and doe acquitt the said Thomas Cornwaleys & his company of the death of the said Ratcliff warren John Bellson and william dawson.

and they further find that the said Ratcliff warren, and his company did discharge their gunnes against the said Thomas P. 47 Cornwaleys and his company and did kill the said william Ashmore being one of the company of the said Thomas Corn-

waleys; as felons pyrates, and murthers.

Acts of Assembly the 15th march 1637. betweene the houres of 9. and 10. in the morning.

Assembled. the Presid! Cyprian Throughgood. James Cauther Capt. Cornwaleys John wyatt Edward ffleete m! Secretary Sergt. vaughan ffrancis Rabnett m! Greene Reinold ffleete william Lewis Robt Clerk Cutbert ffenwick xpofr thomas m! Sheriff Anthony Cotton Isaac Edwards

Summoned.

Capt: wint! amerced.

Iohn Nevill

Richard Loe. and made proxie Capt. Cornwaleys. John halfehide. and made proxie Capt. Cornwaleys.

Then were read the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the 3. former bills, for criminall causes, measures and attainder of William Cleyborne.

Then was read the first time 1. bill confirming the sentence

against Thomas Smith.

Act of Assembly the same day betweene the houres of 2. and 3. in the afternoone

Assembled. the Presidt John wyatt Anthony Cotten Capt. Cornwaleys Cutbert ffenwick ffrancis Rabnett